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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON CSCE

1. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK SEPTEMBER 9
BY AMBASSADOR, CONVERSATION WAS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO US-
CZECHOSLOVAK MATTERS, BUT AT END CHNOUPEK BROUGHT UP CSCE.

2. CHNOUPEK ASKED AMBASSADOR'S OPINION IF HE WOULD BE
IN GENEVA "A LONG TIME OR A VERY LONG TIME." AMBASSADOR
REPLIED HE HOPED FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO CSCE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE SO HE COULD GET BACK TO PRAGUE. CHNOUPEK
SAID HE HAD HEARD A NUMBER OF PESSIMISTIC COMMENTS LATELY
ABOUT PROSPECTIVE LENGTH OF CONFERENCE, AND HE HOPED IT WOULD
NOT DRAG ON TOO LONG. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT PEACE
WAS THE MAIN THING: DESPITE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION IN
THE WEST, CYPRUS HAD RECENTLY BLOWN UP. HE THOUGHT FREE-
DOM OF INFORMATION WAS NOT THE MAIN THING, PEACE WAS THE MAIN
THING: THUS BASKET THREE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO HOLD
UP THINGS UNECESSARILY.

3. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THERE HAD TO BE A BALANCED RESULT

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TO CSCE. THEREFORE THE DURATION DEPENDED ENTIRELY ON INSTRUCTIONS

GIVEN BY CHNOUPEK AND HIS EE COLLEAGUES TO THEIR DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY ON BASKET THREE. AMBASSADOR SAID TO DATE THERE HAD BEEN PRECIOUS LITTLE PROGRESS. CHNOUPKE SAID SOME WAS MADE RIGHT AT THE END. AMBASSADOR SAID "ALMOST MADE." NOT "MADE." CHNOUPEK SAID AT LEAST THERE WERE SYMPTOMS OF FORWARD MOVEMENT.

4. CHNOUPEK COMMENTED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH HUSAK'S AND HIS VISIT TO HELSINKI IN SEPTEMBER, CHIEF OF DELEGATION OLDRICH PAVLOVSKY, WHO IS ALSO CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO HELSINKI, WOULD BE SPENDING SOME TIME IN FINLAND. DURING HIS ABSENCES FROM GENEVA, DR. VLADIMIR JANKU OF FONMIN'S DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND PLANNING WOULD BE ACTING CHIEF DELEGATE. COMMENT: PAVLOVSKY IS RATHER STRONG PERSONALITY WHO WAS OCCASIONALLY SEEN ARGUING WITH THE SOVIETS, PROBABLY TRYING TO PROMOTE HARDER LINE POSITIONS. JANKU, ON THE OTHER HAND, A FRIENDLY BUT SOMEWHAT MOUSY TYPE, IS NOT A "WAVE MAKER."
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